

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: DE HAAN, et al.

Art Unit: 1764

Serial No.: 09/787,668

Examiner: Tam M. Nguyen

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For: Process for Producing Middle Distillates
And Middle Distillates Produced By That
Process

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2003, requesting an election of claims in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, without traverse.

This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected groups. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0622.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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